Directory of Early Childhood Certificate and Degree Programs at Iowa Colleges and Universities

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Introduction

When this directory was first published in 2005 the purpose was to categorize the credit-bearing programs in early childhood. The landscape today is much different. Iowa now has the T.E.A.C.H. project, an innovative initiative that provides comprehensive funding to ensure early childhood professionals seek and obtain college credit as they advance in the profession. The project's enrollment has exploded, now covering over \$200,000 a year in tuition fees on behalf of recipients. Iowa has a Quality Rating System that requires points in the area of Professional Development, explicitly stating that quality begins with strong professional development. Iowa has instituted new statewide preschool standards that require BA degrees and licenses for teachers and at least a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential for assistant teachers. Finally, a new state effort to expand access to preschool through the Voluntary Statewide Preschool for Four-Year-Olds also requires licensed teachers to lead its classrooms. As this is being written, the U.S. Senate and U.S. House have both passed legislation reauthorizing Head Start. A final agreement between the two houses has not been completed, but both bills are expected to increase the educational requirements of Head Start teachers and associates. The new NAEYC accreditation standards include higher expectation for the educational qualifications of teachers and staff. In addition, higher levels of accountability and program excellence are making more demands on professionals in the field to be more reflective of their practice, more attentive to the core relationships that are at the heart of caring and educating young children, and more conversant with what research indicates are the best practices that belong in Iowa early childhood settings. Never in Iowa's history has the demand for early childhood professional development been more acute.

This directory constitutes, in one sense, an early childhood professional development market survey. Knowing what is available inevitably raises questions about whether the opportunities outlined in this directory are adequate to the demand. The publishers of this document hope it will encourage institutions of higher education to expand offerings to meet a demand that should persist for quite some time. And the hope is that what emerge are clear educational pathways for all early childhood professionals, whether they are pursuing doctoral studies or child care providers seeking a CDA. In the short term, this directory will help connect early childhood programs, including Head Start, to educational opportunities available in Iowa and lead more professionals to pursue the recognized laurels of professionalism: academic degrees.

One additional development has occurred since the directory was first published. Iowa has embarked on a comprehensive plan to develop an early childhood professional development system. In the early deliberations, gathered stakeholders decided that Iowa's system should be "competency-based." These competencies should be relevant to all environments in which young children find themselves including family, center, and school based early care and education, as well as those addressing issues relevant to child health and family support. The competencies should range from awareness at entry level to higher levels of applying knowledge and skills. Current professional development activities, whether by Child Care Resource and Referral, Iowa State University Extension,

community colleges or four year colleges and universities, will participate in the competency development work at their appropriate level. As a result, there needs to be articulation agreements so all this work can be aligned and support the development of the same competencies. The early childhood professional development system framework should be embedded in state government as a lead agency to oversee the system including articulation and licensing/certification of early childhood professionals. The Department of Education was recommended as that agency. Horizontal and vertical articulation should be in place to demonstrate continuity, consistency, and accountability. Much remains to be done, but the basic framework has been established.

Future editions of this directory should reflect these changes with more courses offerings, more course availability and more rational pathways through this system. In the end, the early childhood services in Iowa need early childhood professionals who can educate and take care of our children, who can keep them healthy, who can educate and support their parents, all with a dedication and expertise worthy of the label *professional*.

This directory of Iowa early childhood certificate and degree programs was originally commissioned by the Iowa Head Start Association and the Iowa Head Start State Collaboration Office and is now a project of the Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children. The publishers of this directory want to express their appreciation to the many faculty and staff at Iowa's colleges and universities who provided the data in the directory.

Tom Rendon Head Start State Collaboration Office Iowa Department of Education July 2007



The Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children (Iowa AEYC) is an affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association, with nearly 100,000 members and a network of over 300 local, state, and regional Affiliates. NAEYC membership is open to all individuals who share a desire to serve and act on behalf of the needs and rights of all young children. Over twelve hundred early care and educators practitioners from all corners of our state are members of Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children (Iowa AEYC). Fifteen active Chapters support these members in their local communities. The members of Iowa AEYC are united in working to bring high-quality early learning opportunities to all children from birth through age eight. Together, we support excellence, inclusion, innovation and community in the early childhood profession. With NAEYC's leadership, we are committed to becoming an increasingly high-performing and inclusive organization. Please call us for membership information.

The Iowa AEYC sponsors T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® for Iowa, a comprehensive scholarship program that provides the early childhood workforce with access to educational opportunities leading to degrees, licenses, and credentials in early childhood education, and helping to establish a well-qualified, fairly compensated, and stable workforce for the young children in our state. T.E.A.C.H. requires compensation increases as child care providers completed increased levels of formal education. Through T.E.A.C.H., providers can work toward credentials and degrees in early childhood education and immediately use that knowledge in their early care and education setting. Since 2003, nearly two hundred child care programs in Iowa have benefited from having more qualified directors, teachers, and providers who are retained in their programs. Over three hundred Iowa child care providers and preschool teachers are seeking degrees in early childhood education, and receiving compensation increases, while they continue the important work of caring for our youngest children. Thousands of Iowa's children are receiving higher quality care and can bond more effectively, over time, with their teachers. T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® IOWA will begin supporting coursework towards bachelors' degrees and early childhood endorsements in 2007, in addition to the CDA credentials and associates' degrees we have supported since 2003.

In partnership with the Iowa Head Start Collaboration Office, we are pleased to provide you with an updated issue of the *Early Childhood College Directory*. The directory will provide our recipients, and the broader early childhood community, information that will assist them in making college choices. Please realize that the information in the directory is subject to change at any time, was provided to us by the colleges, and was not verified. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

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Glossary of Terms

ECE Early Childhood Education

CDA Coursework leading to the Child Development Associate credential

A.A. Associate of Arts

A.S. Associate of Science

A.A.S. Associate of Applied Science

B.A. Bachelor of Arts

B.S. Bachelor of Science

M.A. Master of Arts

M.S. Master of Science

Ph.D. Doctor of Philosophy

An Early Childhood **diploma** has traditionally been a full-time, one year program offered by some of Iowa's community colleges.

Accreditation of the campus lab school is assumed to be with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, unless otherwise noted.

Articulation credit for the CDA credential indicates recognition by the college of the credential awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C. If a student holds a valid CDA credential, this indicates that number of college credits that can be awarded.

EC program articulates with indicates the schools or training programs with formal agreements to articulate for credit with this college.

Credit for experience indicates willingness in the ECE program to award credit for life or work experience as part of the required degree program credits.

The **Early Childhood Endorsement** indicates a college that provides the coursework for a required endorsement for the four-year teaching license through the Iowa Department of Education's Board of Educational Examiners.

Des Moines Area Community College

2006 South Ankeny Boulevard

Ankeny, IA 50023 Phone: 800-362-2127 Fax: 515-964-6440

Financial Aid Number: 515-964-6282 800-362-2127 Ext. 6514

Website: www.dmacc.edu

Satellite campuses: Ankeny, Newton, Boone, Des Moines (Urban), Carroll, West Des Moines

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
A.S. ECE	35	65
Diploma, ECE	29	35
CDA	10	10

Courses for CDA	Yes
Specialization	No
Credit for experience	No
Average enrollment	210
Full time student average enrollment	60
Graduates per year	25-30
Articulation credit for CDA credential	Yes, 10 credits
On-campus lab school	Yes
Lab school accredited?	Yes
EC program articulates with	CCR&R (IA PITC)
Satellite campuses with EC courses	Boone, Carroll, Newton, Urban, West Des Moines
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	None
EC evening/weekend courses offered	CDA Saturdays at Urban, night classes at Urban
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 06-07	\$102.00

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Diploma and Associate of Science Programs

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Eastern Iowa Community College

306 West River Drive Davenport, IA 52801 Phone: 319-322-5015

Financial Aid Number: 563-441-4040

Website: www.eicc.edu

Satellite campuses: Bettendorf, Clinton, Davenport, Muscatine

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
A.A.S.		66
Diploma, ECE		15
CDA	17	17

Courses for CDA	Yes
Specialization	Child Care Certificate
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	
Graduates per year	
Articulation credit for CDA credential	Yes, 17 credits
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	Muscatine Community College, Scott Community College
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	None
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 06-07	\$97.00

Early Childhood Contacts:

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Hawkeye Community College

1501 East Orange Road Waterloo, IA 50704-8015 Phone: 319-296-4028

Financial Aid Number: 319-296-4020 Website: www.hawkeyecollege.edu

Satellite campuses: Grundy Center; Independence; Center Business Industry (CBI),

Cedar Falls; Martin Luther King Center, Waterloo

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
A.A.S	46	64
Diploma, ECE	27	36

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	No
Average enrollment	50
Full time student average enrollment	40
Graduates per year	10
Articulation credit for CDA credential	No
On-campus lab school	Yes
Lab school accredited?	Yes
EC program articulates with	Wartburg College, Upper Iowa
Satellite campuses with EC courses	4 that are taught at a Head Start Center
Satellite campuses without EC courses	4
EC courses available on line	No
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$98.00 plus \$10.50 admin fee

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Indian Hills Community College

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Financial Aid Number: 641-683-5234

Website: www.indianhills.edu

Satellite campuses: Chariton, Centerville, Albia, Bloomfield, Oskaloosa, Sigourney, Fairfield,

Keosauqua, Corydon

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
A.A.S. ECE	38	73
Diploma, ECE	21	34
CDA		

Courses for CDA	Yes
Specialization	
Credit for experience	No
Average enrollment	70
Full time student average enrollment	65
Graduates per year	50
Articulation credit for CDA credential	Yes, 11 credits
On-campus lab school	Yes
Lab school accredited?	No
EC program articulates with	Buena Vista University
Satellite campuses with EC courses	All have potential for ICN offerings
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	Selected EC diploma courses available on-line
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Night classes for diploma on ICN
EC summer courses offered	Yes, 1 st year course on rotating basis, Design
EC summer courses offered	Curriculum, Practicum
Per credit tuition cost 06-07	\$105.00

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Iowa Central Community College

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Fort Dodge, IA 50501 Phone: 515-576-7201

Financial Aid Number: 800-362-2793 Ext. 2426

 $Website: \underline{www.iowacentral.com}\\$

Satellite campuses: Storm Lake

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
A.A. (general) with emphasis in ECE		61
CDA (general)	17	17

Courses for CDA	Yes
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	
Graduates per year	3
Articulation credit for CDA credential	Yes
On-campus lab school	No
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	Storm Lake
Satellite campuses without EC courses	Webster City
EC courses available on line	No
EC evening/weekend courses offered	No
EC summer courses offered	No
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$93.00

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Iowa Lakes Community College

3200 College Drive Emmetsburg, IA 50536 Phone: 712-852-3554 Fax: 712-852-2152

Financial Aid Number: 800-242-5108 Ext. 7917

Website: www.iowalakes.edu

Satellite campuses: Algona, Estherville, Spencer, Spirit Lake

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
A.A. ECE	43	83
A.S. ECE	43	68
A.A. (general) with emphasis in ECE	12	64
Diploma, Child Care	29	35
CDA	10	10

Courses for CDA	Yes
	ies
Specialization	
Credit for experience	Yes
Average enrollment	45
Full time student average enrollment	34
Graduates per year	20-25
Articulation credit for CDA credential	Yes, 9 credits
On-campus lab school	No lab school, but accredited Head Start with wrap
On-campus lab school	program on campus
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	Buena Vista University
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	Algona, Estherville, Spencer, Spirit Lake
EC courses available on line	Yes - some ECE and all Gen. Ed. Course
	Requirements
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes - can be provided with at least 10 enrolled
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 06-07	\$113 (online \$130.00)

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Iowa Valley Community College (Marshalltown C.C.)

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Financial Aid Number: 866-622-4748 Ext. 215

Website: www.iavalley.cc.ia.us

Satellite campuses: Online

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
A.S. ECE	26	64
A.A. with emphasis ECE	22	64
Diploma, ECE	26	35

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	No
Average enrollment	22
Full time student average enrollment	10-12
Graduates per year	4
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	Yes
EC evening/weekend courses offered	No
EC summer courses offered	
Per credit tuition cost 06-07	\$129.00

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Financial Aid Number: 800-432-5852

Website: www.iwcc.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
A.A.S. ECE	47-49	65-67
Diploma ECE	27-29	34
Early Childhood Administrative Certificate		16

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	60
Full time student average enrollment	40
Graduates per year	12
Articulation credit for CDA credential	Yes, 7 credits
On-campus lab school	Yes
Lab school accredited?	Yes
EC program articulates with	College of St. Mary, Omaha
Satellite campuses with EC courses	Shelby County (Harlan), Cass County (Atlantic)
Satellite campuses without EC courses	Page/Fremont County
EC courses available on line	Yes
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 06-07	\$100 plus \$10 per credit College fee

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Kirkwood Community College

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Cedar Rapids, IA 52406 Fax: 319-398-1035

Financial Aid Number: 319-398-1274

Website: www.kirkwood.edu

Satellite campuses: Iowa City and County Sites for General Education Courses

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
A.A ECE		65
A.S. / C. O. Associate of Science in Career Options - ECE		63
Diploma, ECE		33
CDA		

Courses for CDA	Yes
Specialization	
Credit for experience	No
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	155-175 (includes part-time)
Graduates per year	30-35
Articulation credit for CDA credential	Yes, 6 credits
On-campus lab school	Yes; 6 weeks to 5 years
Lab school accredited?	Yes
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	Iowa City
Satellite campuses without EC courses	Belle Plaine, Kirkwood Resource Center, Marion, Monticello, Tipton, Vinton, Washington
EC courses available on line	No
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 07-08	\$103.00

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North Iowa Area Community College

500 College Drive Mason City, IA 50401 Phone: 800-466-4222

Financial Aid Number: 641-422-4351

Website: www.niacc.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
A.A. (general) with emphasis in ECE	18	
Diploma, ECE	18	30
CDA	18	18

Courses for CDA	Yes
Specialization	
Credit for experience	Yes
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	
Graduates per year	
Articulation credit for CDA credential	Yes
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	Yes
EC evening/weekend courses offered	
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 06-07	\$96.00

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Northeast Iowa Community College

PO Box 400 10250 Sundown Road **Calmar**, IA 52132 **Peosta**, IA 52068 Phone: 563-562-3263 563-556-5110

Financial Aid Number: 800-728-2256 Ext. 447 800-728-7367 Ext. 212

Website: www.nicc.edu www.nicc.edu

Satellite campuses: Chickasaw County Center, Cresco Center, Delaware County Center,

Dubuque Center, Oelwein Center, Town Clock Center

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
A.A. ECE		77
A.A. with emphasis in ECE		64
Diploma, ECE		48.5

Courses for CDA	Yes, 12 credits
Specialization	
Credit for experience	Yes, 15 credits
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	16-21
Graduates per year	15
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	Yes at Calmar and Peosta
Lab school accredited?	Calmar, no; Peosta, yes
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 06-07	\$110.00

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Northwest Iowa Community College

603 West Park Street Sheldon, IA 51201 Phone: 712-324-5061

Financial Aid Number: 800-352-4907

Website: www.nwicc.cc.ia.us

Satellite campuses: West Burlington, Keokuk

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
No Early Childhood program		

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	
Graduates per year	
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	Iowa Wesleyan College
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	Yes
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 06-07	\$103.00, Resident, \$148.00 Non-Resident

Early Childhood Contacts:

Southeastern Community College

1015 South Gear Avenue, Drawer F

West Burlington, IA 52601 Phone: 319-752-2731

Financial Aid Number: 800-828-7322 Ext. 8132

Website: www.secc.cc.ia.us

Satellite campuses: West Burlington, Keokuk

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
No Early Childhood program. Within the AA degree some EC courses are articulated with Iowa Wesleyan College		

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	
Graduates per year	
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	Iowa Wesleyan College
Satellite campuses with EC courses	West Burlington, Keokuk
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	Yes
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$97.00, Resident, \$109.00 Non-Resident, \$125.00 online

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Southwestern Community College

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Financial Aid Number: 800- 247-4023 641-782-7081

Website: <u>www.swcciowa.edu</u>

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
AA with EC Emphasis Tentatively scheduled for Fall '08'	TBA	
CDA	11	11

Courses for CDA	Yes-11 credit hours (10 E-college, 1 campus course)
Specialization	Teacher license renewal credits offered by TriUmph EC Program in collaboration with Green Valley
	AEA 14.
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	24
Full time student average enrollment	
Graduates per year	
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	Red Oak, Osceola
EC courses available on line	Yes, all but non-credit programs and the CDA
EC courses available on line	Standards Class
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes, all ECE programs are offered
EC summer courses offered	Some ECE programs
Per credit tuition cost 06-07	In-state \$112.50/ E-college classes \$130

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Western Iowa Tech Community College

3637 Stone Avenue

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Financial Aid Number: 712-274-6402

Website: www.witcc.com

Satellite campuses: Denison, Cherokee, and LaMars

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
A.S. ECE		68
Diploma ECE (1yr)		33
CDA	6	6

Courses for CDA	Yes
Specialization	
Credit for experience	Yes
Average enrollment	60
Full time student average enrollment	25
Graduates per year	20
Articulation credit for CDA credential	Yes, 7 credits
On-campus lab school	No
Lab school accredited?	N/A
EC program articulates with	Wayne State University, Buena Vista
Satellite campuses with EC courses	Denison
Satellite campuses without EC courses	Cherokee, LaMars
EC courses available on line	All ECE classes online
EC evening/weekend courses offered	No
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 06-07	\$100.00 +

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Buena Vista University

610 West Fourth Street Storm Lake, IA 50588 Phone: 800-383-2821

Financial Aid Number: 712-279-5200

Website: www.bvu.edu

Satellite campuses: Newton, Council Bluffs, Creston/Red Oak, Denison, Fort Dodge,

Iowa Falls, Lakes and Prairies, Lemars, Marshalltown, Ottumwa

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
Early Childhood Endorsement (Pre-K-Kind) attached to Elementary Education major	18	

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	27
Graduates per year	
Degrees offered	
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	Pre-K – K courses at all satellites except Newton
Satellite campuses without EC courses	Newton
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 07-08	\$258.00

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Central College

812 University Street Pella, IA 50219

Phone: 877-462-3687

Financial Aid Number: 641-628-5268

Website: www.central.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
Early Childhood Endorsement Pre-K Kindergarten	21-22	25-26

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	15
Graduates per year	15
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	
EC summer courses offered	
Per credit tuition cost 07-08	\$772.00

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Dordt College

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Financial Aid Number: 712-722-6082

Website: www.dordt.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
Early Childhood Endorsement Iowa Teaching License, Pre-K - Grade 3		32.5

Common Con CDA	
Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	
Graduates per year	
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
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Drake University

2507 University Avenue Des Moines, IA 50311 Phone: 515-271-2011

Financial Aid Number: 515-271-2905 800-44-DRAKE Ext. 2905

Website: www.drake.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
B.S. ECE		124
M.S./M.A. ECE		32
Early Childhood Endorsement 103, Iowa Teaching License Pre-K Kindergarten		18
Early Childhood Endorsement 100, Iowa Teaching License, Unified, Birth to age 8		24

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	70
Full time student average enrollment	50
Graduates per year	20
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 07-08	Grad part-time rate \$370 face-to-face and \$390 web

Early Childhood Contacts:

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Graceland University

One University Place Lamoni, IA 50140 Phone: 641-784-5000

Financial Aid Number: 641-784-5136

Website: www.graceland.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
Early Childhood Endorsement, Iowa Teaching License, Pre-K – 8 years		40

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	Yes
Average enrollment	25
Full time student average enrollment	15
Graduates per year	10
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	
EC summer courses offered	
Per credit tuition cost 06-07	\$285.00

Early Childhood Contacts:

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Grand View College

Address: 1200 Grandview Avenue

City, State, Zip: Des Moines, Iowa 50316

Phone: 515-563-2800

Financial Aid Number: 515-263-2820

Website: www.gvc.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
Pre-K Kindergarten Endorsement 103 Iowa Teaching License Credits	25	

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	Yes, on a limited basis
Average enrollment	4
Full time student average enrollment	2
Graduates per year	1
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	DMACC, Kirkwood Community College
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	Camp Dodge
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$265.00 Full time \$450.00 Part time

Early Childhood Contacts:

Dr. Robin T. White 515-263-2845 rwhite@gvc.edu

Iowa State University

Office of Admissions, Alumni Hall

Ames, IA 50011 Phone: 515-294-4111

Financial Aid Number: 515-294-0723 800-478-2998

Website: www.iastate.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
B.S ECE		
Early Childhood Endorsement 100 (Unified), Iowa Teaching License	82	126.5
B.S. Child Services Option (Child Care Administration)	52	125
M.S./M.A. ECE	32-36	32-36
Ph.D. ECE	72	72

Courses for CDA		
Specialization		
Credit for experience	Child Services:	ECE (Unified):
Average enrollment	125	180
Full time student average enrollment	125	180
Graduates per year	30	45
Articulation credit for CDA credential	No	No
On-campus lab school	Yes	Yes
Lab school accredited?	Yes	Yes
EC program articulates with		
Satellite campuses with EC courses	None	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	None	
EC courses available on line	None	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Mostly graduate courses	
EC summer courses offered	Yes	
Per credit tuition cost 06-07	\$212.00 (undergradu	nate)

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Iowa Wesleyan College

601 North Main Street Mount Pleasant, IA 52641 Phone: 800-582-2383

Financial Aid Number: 319-385-6242 800-582-2383

Website: www.iwc.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
B.A. ECE		124
Early Childhood Endorsement, Iowa Teaching License, Pre-K - Kindergarten		

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	No
Average enrollment	10
Full time student average enrollment	4
Graduates per year	5
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	Southeastern Community College, Muscatine Community College
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 06-07	\$292.00

Early Childhood Contacts:

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Loras College

1450 Alta Vista Street Dubuque, IA 52004 Phone: 563-588-7100

Financial Aid Number: 563-588-7136 800-245-6727

Website: www.loras.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
Credits in Elem.Education, Special Ed and EC results in licensure in Unified (ages 0-8, regular Spec. Ed) and Elem. Ed		
Early Childhood Endorsement 100, Iowa Teaching License, Unified, Birth to age 8		120

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	18
Graduates per year	15-18
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	
EC summer courses offered	
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	

Early Childhood Contacts:

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Luther College

700 College Drive

Decorah, IA 52101-1045 Phone: 800-458-8437

Financial Aid Number: 563-387-1018 800-458-8437

Website: www.luther.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
B.A Elementary Education with ECE endorsement		
ECE Special Ed will be added in 2008		

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	No
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	
Graduates per year	
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	
EC summer courses offered	
Per credit tuition cost 07-08	\$942.00

Early Childhood Contacts:

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Mount Mercy College

1330 Elmhurst Drive. NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 Phone: 800-248-4504

Financial Aid Number: 319-368-6467 800-248-4504 Ext. 6467

Website: www.mtmercy.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
B.A. Elementary Education with Early Childhood		
Endorsement		

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	25
Graduates per year	
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	Kirkwood Community College
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	

Early Childhood Contacts:

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Northwestern College

101 Seventh Street, SW Orange City, IA 51041 Phone: 712-707-7000

Financial Aid Number: 712-707-7131

Website: www.nwciowa.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
Early Childhood Endorsement for Iowa Teaching		
License, Pre-K – Grade 3		

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	14
Graduates per year	7
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	No
Per credit tuition cost 07-08	\$300 - \$820 Depends on number of credits students are taking

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Dr. Lila J. Sybesma 712-707-7331 <u>lila@nwciowa.edu</u>

Four-Year Schools

Saint Ambrose University

518 West Locust Street Davenport, IA 52803 Phone: 563-333-6124

Financial Aid Number: 563-333-6314

Website: www.sau.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
B.A. ECE		124-127
Early Childhood Endorsement, Iowa Teaching License, PK – Grade 3		

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	50
Full time student average enrollment	45
Graduates per year	12-20
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	Yes
Lab school accredited?	Yes
EC program articulates with	Eastern Iowa Community Colleges (Clinton, Muscatine, Scott) and Blackhawk College, Moline, Illinois
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Late afternoons, some evenings, mostly daytime
EC summer courses offered	
Per credit tuition cost 07-08	\$600.00

Early Childhood Contacts:

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563-333-6103
Dr. Jeanne Roller
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Simpson College

701 North C Street Indianola, IA 50125 Phone: 800-362-2454

Financial Aid Number: 515-961-1630 800-362-2454 Ext. 1630

Website: www.simpson.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
Early Childhood Endorsement for Teaching License 106 Birth through grade 3 regular ed	22	30
Administrative/management course		2
		32

Courses for CDA	No
Specialization	No
Credit for experience	Yes – Life Experience Committee review
Average enrollment	400 in the Education Department
Full time student average enrollment	50 in the Early Childhood Program
Graduates per year	15-20 annually
Articulation credit for CDA credential	No
On-campus lab school	No
Lab school accredited?	N/A
EC program articulates with	Course by course basis with some colleges
Satellite campuses with EC courses	No
Satellite campuses without EC courses	No
EC courses available on line	No
EC evening/weekend courses offered	No
EC summer courses offered	No
Per credit tuition cost 07-08	Depends on how many credits a student completes per semester; \$245 fee for one semester of student teaching (100 hours practicum over 14 weeks). Students holding an Iowa license may complete their practicum requirements in their current child care setting.

Early Childhood Contacts:

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Four-Year Schools

University of Iowa

Jessup Hall

Iowa City, IA 52242 Phone: 319-335-3500

Financial Aid Number: 800-553-IOWA

Website: www.uiowa.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
Discontinued the Early Childhood Program because of reduced state funding		

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	
Graduates per year	
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	
EC summer courses offered	
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	

Early Childhood Contacts:

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University of Northern Iowa 1227 West 27th Street

1227 West 27th Street Cedar Falls, IA 50614 Phone: 319-273-2311

Financial Aid Number: 319-273-2701 800-772-2736

Website: www.uni.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
B.A. ECE		130
M.S./M.A. ECE		30
PhD ECE (degree with completion of doctoral		
program)		
Early Childhood Endorsement 100 with the Iowa		
Teaching License "Teacher-Prekindergarten		
through Grade Three, including Special		
Education" (Included in ECE major or based in		
transcript assessment)		

Courses for CDA	No
Specialization	Class ED 100 is required
Credit for experience	No
Average enrollment	356
Full time student average enrollment	
Graduates per year	103
Articulation credit for CDA credential	No
On-campus lab school	Yes
Lab school accredited?	Yes
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	2+2 program available with community colleges
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	No
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Some
EC summer courses offered	Some
Per credit tuition cost 06-07	\$212.00; 2 credit hours required (\$424.00)

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Upper Iowa University

605 Washington Street Fayette, IA 52142 Phone: 800-553-4150

Financial Aid Number: 800-553-4150

Website: www.uiu.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
B.A. ECE		74
Early Childhood Endorsement, Iowa Teaching License, Pre-K – Kindergarten Pre-K – Grade 3 Pre-K- Grade 3 with Special Ed (Unified)	#103 #106 #100	22 25 94

Courses for CDA	N/A
Specialization	N/A
Credit for experience	N/A
Average enrollment	15
Full time student average enrollment	11
Graduates per year	5
Articulation credit for CDA credential	N/A
On-campus lab school	No
Lab school accredited?	No
EC program articulates with	Accepts transfers from Iowa Community Colleges
Satellite campuses with EC courses	Waterloo, Des Moines
Satellite campuses without EC courses	N/A
EC courses available on line	Child, Family Health and Nutrition
EC evening/weekend courses offered	Yes
EC summer courses offered	Yes
Per credit tuition cost 07-08	\$650.00

Early Childhood Contacts:

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Wartburg College

100 Wartburg Boulevard Waverly, IA 50677

Phone: 800-772-2085

Financial Aid Number: 319-352-8262

Website: www.wartburg.edu

Satellite campuses:

Credentials and Degrees Offered:

	EC Credits	Total Credits
Early Childhood Endorsement, Iowa Teaching License (Elem Ed major with EC Endorsement)		

Courses for CDA	
Specialization	Yes, Endorsement 103
Credit for experience	
Average enrollment	
Full time student average enrollment	8-10
Graduates per year	15-20
Articulation credit for CDA credential	
On-campus lab school	
Lab school accredited?	
EC program articulates with	
Satellite campuses with EC courses	
Satellite campuses without EC courses	
EC courses available on line	
EC evening/weekend courses offered	
EC summer courses offered	
Per credit tuition cost 05-06	\$800.00

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Four-year Colleges without Early Childhood Programs

Allen College

1825 Logan Avenue Waterloo, IA 50703 Phone: 319-226-2000

Website: www.allencollege.edu

Ashford University

400 North Bluff Boulevard Clinton, IA 52732

Phone: 866-711-1700 Website: www.ashford.edu

Briar Cliff University

3303 Rebecca Street Sioux City, IA 51104 Phone: 800-662-3303

Website: www.briarcliff.edu

Clarke College

1550 Clarke Drive Dubuque, IA 52001 Phone: 563-588-6300 Website: www.clarke.edu

Coe College

1220 First Avenue, NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 Phone: 319-399-8500 Website: www.coe.edu

Cornell College

600 First Street Mt. Vernon, IA 52314 Phone: 319-895-4000

Website: www.cornellcollege.edu

Emmaus Bible College

2570 Asbury Road Dubuque, IA 52001

Phone: 563-588-8000 Ext.0 Website: www.emmaus.edu

Grinnell College

1210 Park Avenue Grinnell, IA 50112 Phone: 641-269-4000 Website: www.grinnell.edu **Hamilton College**

4655 121st Street Des Moines, IA 50323 Phone: 800-325-6887

Website: www.hamiltonia.edu

Morningside College

1501 Morningside Avenue Sioux City, IA 51106 Phone: 712-274-5000

Website: www.morningside.edu

University of Dubuque

2000 University Avenue Dubuque, IA 52001 Phone: 563-589-3000 Website: www.dbq.edu

Vatterott College

6100 Thornton Avenue, Suite 290

Des Moines, IA 50321 Phone: 515-309-9000

Website: www.vatterott-college.com

Vennard College

2300 8th Avenue University Park, IA 52595 Phone: 641-673-8391

Website: www.vennard.edu

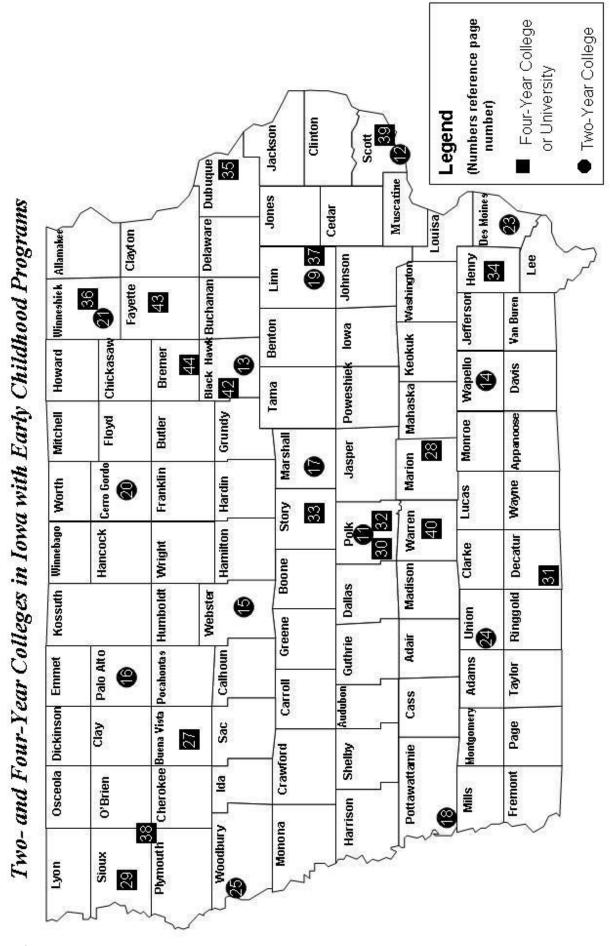
Waldorf College

106 S. 6th Street Forest City, IA 50436 Phone: 800-292-1903 Website: www.waldorf.edu

William Penn University

201 Trueblood Avenue Oskaloosa, IA 52577 Phone: 800-779-7366

Website: www.wmpenn.edu



July 2007

Information Regarding the Iowa Teacher Licensure Standards for Early Childhood Education

There are several types of teacher licensure endorsements currently recognized in Iowa as acceptable for teaching young children age birth through 8.

They are the following:

- 1) endorsement 103 teacher prekindergarten kindergarten
- 2) endorsement 106 teacher prekindergarten through grade 3
- 3) endorsement 100 teacher prekindergarten through grade 3 including special education (This is also referred to as the "unified teacher licensure". Unified means early childhood and early childhood special education combined.)

Some positions in Iowa's early childhood systems require licensure, some do not. For some positions, one endorsement may be more desirable than another. Be sure to talk to your employer, your college academic counseling service, and your TEACH counselor to help make the right choice.

To obtain an Iowa teacher's license, you must attend a recognized Iowa teacher preparing institution that offers the appropriate program for the early childhood education licensure and meet that institution's current requirements for the endorsement. This will include a professional education core, a human relations course, and a PRAXIS test, as well as other general education core and early childhood course requirements. You must also receive that institution's baccalaureate degree and recommendation for a teacher's license. If you have attended an out of state institution, you must contact the Iowa State Board of Educational Examiners to obtain the procedure required for obtaining the Iowa teacher's license. You may apply for as many additional endorsements as you would like with that license, provided current requirements for those additional endorsements have been met. Once the original license has been issued, you may add other endorsements to that license upon proper application to the State Board of Educational Examiners, provided current requirements for that additional endorsement have been met

Institutions of higher education (colleges and universities) must be approved through the Iowa Department of Education to offer the various endorsements, and one institution may not offer the curricula necessary for each of these listed above. Therefore, as a student and a consumer of education, you need to know which type of endorsement(s) you want, and take that into consideration when you are selecting a college to attend next.

For further information regarding licensure contact:

Iowa Department of Education
Grimes State Office Building
E. 14th & Grand
Des Moines, IA 50319
Ph. 515-281-3245
www.boee.iowa.gov

IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ALLIANCE

The Iowa Community College Early Childhood Education Alliance (the Alliance) was formed through a proclamation by Govenor Vilsack on Jan. 9, 2005. The statement in the proclamation that best encapsulates the intent of the proclamation is:

THE "IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ALLIANCE" IS BEING CREATED TO SERVE AS AN ADVOCATE TO DELIVER STATE-WIDE QUALITY EDUCATION, AND TO FACILITATE THE SHARING OF "BEST EDUCATION PRACTICES" IN A UNITED AND SEAMLESS MANNER BENEFITTING OUR STATE ECONOMY, OUR FAMILIES AND OUR CHILDREN"

The mission of the Iowa Community College Early Childhood Education Alliance is to support and advocate for Early Childhood Programs at Iowa community colleges that provide preservice & inservice professional development to those who teach and care for young children from birth through age 8.

Membership is open to Iowa associate degree full-time, part-time, and adjunct program faculty with assignment in early childhood/child development/child care. Personnel involved in laboratory schools/campus child care connected to associate degree programs, and other interested individuals with early childhood teaching/training responsibilities or interests at Iowa Community Colleges may also become members.

Alliance members are working to create continuity across early childhood courses at Iowa Community Colleges by creating a common core of ECE courses that will be available at all community colleges with ECE programs. Courses will be aligned with NAEYC standards for associate degree early childhood programs, as well as several Iowa initiatives. This alignment will support the other major effort of the Alliance: accredited early childhood associate degree programs.

Financial Aid

There are many forms of financial aid (loans, grants, and tax credits) available to child care providers and early childhood education students in Iowa. Many employers offer tuition support or scholarships to their employees. T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® IOWA is available for teachers and providers who work full-time in regulated child care settings. The early education workforce and full-time college students will want to determine eligibility for federally funded financial aid as well. A Pell grant or similar form of aid will greatly reduce the eligible student's share of costs for tuition and other expenses.

All colleges begin the process of determining eligibility for financial aid in the same way. Completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) may be done on line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. A paper copy of this form may be obtained through any college or university's financial aid office, and in many public libraries in Iowa.

Students should know that this financial aid is determined by their own family's financial need, and may vary year to year based on funding available at the federal level and to each individual college. Typically, a grant does not need to be re-paid, while loans do require a signed commitment to re-pay, often (but not always) delaying this repayment until the student has completed college.

Students should apply as soon as possible after January 1 each year for the following school year. You must re-apply every year. Usually it is advisable to wait until the family's tax return has been completed for the previous year, as this information is required on the form. The earlier all paperwork is completed, the more likely that more forms of financial aid will be available, if you are eligible. Students eligible for a Pell grant or other forms of federal financial aid may also be eligible for T.E.A.C.H. or other support, contact us at info@iowaaeyc.org or (515) 331-8000 for more information.

Students in early childhood education will also want to learn about Hope Scholarships and Lifetime Learning Tax Credits, as well as other tax credits and forgivable loans that may be available to those seeking employment in certain designated fields following graduation. Consult your college financial aid office for more information.

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- Have you worked in your current program for more than three months?
- Do you consider your job a career?
- Do you want to commit to the early childhood field?
- Are you enrolled in an early childhood degree, credential, or endorsement program at an lowa college, or would you like to be?

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